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News from our ANAPHI family!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Professor Christian Gericke who has joined The University of Adelaide as their new Professor and Chair of Public Health Policy.

Also, we farewell Evelyne Deleeuw who has taken on the new role of Associate Dean (Development) at Deakin University. Professor Ann Taket is now the Acting Head of School, School of Health and Social Development.

ANAPHI Teaching & Learning Forum

On 22nd November 2006 at the Melbourne University Union Facilities the ANAPHI Teaching and Learning Forum was held. It was a fantastic day attended by 40 people who were ANAPHI representatives, Industry members and Public Health academics.. Below are just a few photo's from the day including photo's from the evening dinner which was an enjoyable time had by all.



Thank-you!

Vivian Lin, the Chair of the ANAPHI, and the ANAPHI Executive would like to thank the following people for presenting at the Teaching and Learning Forum:

Online Learning

- Jo Lander (University of Sydney)
- Sophie di Corpo & Lois Meyer (University of NSW)
- Melissa Graham (Deakin University)

Teaching Methods

- Bill Genat (The University of Melbourne)
- Priscilla Robinson & Cathy Mead (La Trobe University)

Capstone

- Priscilla Robinson & Catherine Bennett (Victorian MPH Consortium)

What makes a good postgraduate & undergraduate teacher?

- MaryLou Fleming (Queensland University Technology)
- Bernie Marshall (Deakin University)

Workplace preparedness

- Kathleen Lilley (Queensland Centre for Public Health)
- Rick Hayes (La Trobe University)

Recognition of prior learning

- Simon Chapman (University of Sydney)
- Catherine Bennett (The University of Melbourne)

Professional doctorate

- Vivian Lin (La Trobe University)
- Anne Johnson (Flinders University)

Problem based learning

- Lynne Madden (NSW Health Department)
- Catherine Bennett (The University of Melbourne)

Vivian Lin would also like to thank Dr. Rosemary Knight and Associate Professor Anne Johnson for chairing the sessions throughout the day and providing the summary of the presentations.

Lastly, Vivian Lin and the Executive would like to thank Robert Wells and Cathy Mead for their contribution to the afternoon panel discussion.

PHAA Scholarships

The PHAA Executive Director, Pieta Laut would like to announce two upcoming PHAA scholarships to the ANAPHI member institutions. Call for Nominations forms are attached to this newsletter for the following:

- (1) PHERT Post-Graduate Research Scholarship 2007 and
- (2) PHERT and Medicines Australia Vaccines Industry Group 2007 Immunisation Scholarship

Applications for both scholarships close on 15 March 2007. Fact Sheets and Application Forms are on the PHAA website www.phaa.net.au at About PHAA-Awards.

Newsletter item submitted by Carol Kemmett from PHAA

**Public Support for Science and Innovation (Draft Research Report)
Australian Government Productivity Commission**

There are significant benefits to Australia from its public support of science and innovation, according to a draft report released by the Productivity Commission. In addition to positive returns to its national productivity, Australia has also been rewarded with important social and environmental dividends.

In its draft report — Public Support for Science and Innovation — the Commission finds no reason to make large changes to the overall level of public spending - some \$6 billion in 2002-03, but there is a need for incremental shifts in how it is spent.

Report Website— <http://www.pc.gov.au/study/science/draftreport/index.html>

Media Release— <http://www.pc.gov.au/study/science/draftreport/mediarelease.html>

Newsletter item submitted by ANAPHI Chair, Professor Vivian Lin

**WORLD CONGRESS OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
THE FUTURE NOW: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN HEALTH**

Wednesday 26th to Saturday 29th March 2008
Perth Convention Exhibition Centre, Perth, Western Australia

Please see attached flyer

AEA WORKFORCE PLANNING SESSION

On Sunday 17th September 2006, the AEA held a Workforce Planning Session. The session emerged from a Vic Health meeting in March 2006 which aimed to address “an emerging gap in the number of senior epidemiologist available”. The aim was to have a clearer view of the current issues that AEA need to prioritise. John McNeil, John Kaldor, Cathy Mead and Judith Finn gave presentations, and Jane Halliday (AEA President) chaired the session.

The key outcomes from this session was that while we seem to be making progress in producing ‘judgement-ready’ epidemiologists, there is a lack of ‘research-ready’ epidemiologists who can take a leadership role in epidemiological research. We need to review the way we train epidemiologist. There appears to be progress in agreement on the epidemiology knowledge and skills required at the MPH level, but specialist epidemiologists are lacking. PhD training needs to be reviewed to address the addition of broad based skills to the specialised training in a limited area of epidemiology that they may receive. This in part reflects funding of MPH and PhD programs.

The AEA is now calling for any members who would like to play a role in considering how to reduce the gap in the workforce of higher level epidemiologist. (<http://www.aea.asn.au/WorkforcePlanningSession.html>).

Two working parties have been proposed;

- (1) Core competencies for epidemiology at the Masters Postgraduate level, in consultation with PHERP Quality Working Party (lead by Judith Finn).
- (2) Expansion of PhD programmes, up-skilling at the post-doctorate level.

For the longer official AEA notes and power-point presentations of the speakers, please click here: <http://www.aea.asn.au/WorkforcePlanningSession.html>

Department of Health and Ageing Contribution

Public Health Education and Research Program - Phase IV Agreements

The Department would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who participated in negotiating these Agreements, as they have now all been signed by universities. The Department looks forward to working with universities on the implementation of PHERP Phase Four strategic plans.

Outcomes of PHERP Funding - Round 1

This round of PHERP funding was provided to contribute towards building workforce capacity in two priorities areas:

- Indigenous Health; and
- Biosecurity and Disaster Response

The following three short term consultancy projects were funded:

- Workforce Planning Models For Rapid Deployment Of Civilian Disaster Medical Response Teams – James Cook University
- Development of a National Indigenous Public Health Education and Research Training Strategy – University of South Australia.
- Creating on the Job Training Opportunities in Biosecurity and Disaster Response for Post Graduate Public Health Students – Adelaide Research Institute.

In addition four longer term projects were funded which include:

- Building a Quality National Workforce for Indigenous Public Health – Deakin University in collaboration with Melbourne University.
- Provision of Indigenous Health Academic Capacity Building (Two projects) – University of Queensland and Griffith University.
- National Intensive Short Course in Biosecurity and Disaster Response – University of Queensland.

Newsletter item submitted by Angela McKinnon, DoHA

IMPORTANT DATES!

- This the last ANAPHI Newsletter for the year. The next newsletter will be sent on Wednesday, 31st January 2007. All contributions for this newsletter will need to be sent to the ANAPHI Secretariat, Penny Bisset, by COB Friday, 26th January.
- There are no ANAPHI Executive teleconferences until 2007.



"Don't look at me! I don't have the slightest idea how they got out there!"

It is early but.....the ANAPHI Secretariat and Chair would like to wish all the ANAPHI Representatives a very restful and enjoyable festive season.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2007 and thank-you for your contribution in 2006